

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2008 and is filed concurrently with the fee for a one-month extension of time.

In the Office Action, claims 1-26, 28, 29, 31 and 32 were rejected as being unpatentable over the previously-applied Litoiu et al. (hereinafter "Litoiu"), and Blevins et al. (hereinafter "Blevins") and further in view of newly-applied Chatterjee et al. (hereafter, Chatterjee). Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

Each of the independent claims has been amended to recite:

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enabling a selection of a canvas mode of a plurality of canvas modes, each of the plurality of canvas modes being configured to enable a respectively different associated canvas action to be taken on any of the business objects of the diagram displayed in the active area of the browser, selection of at least some of the canvas actions causing at least one target indicator to be shown, the at least one target indicator indicating where the selected canvas action may be taken in the currently displayed portion of the diagram.

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Or recite:

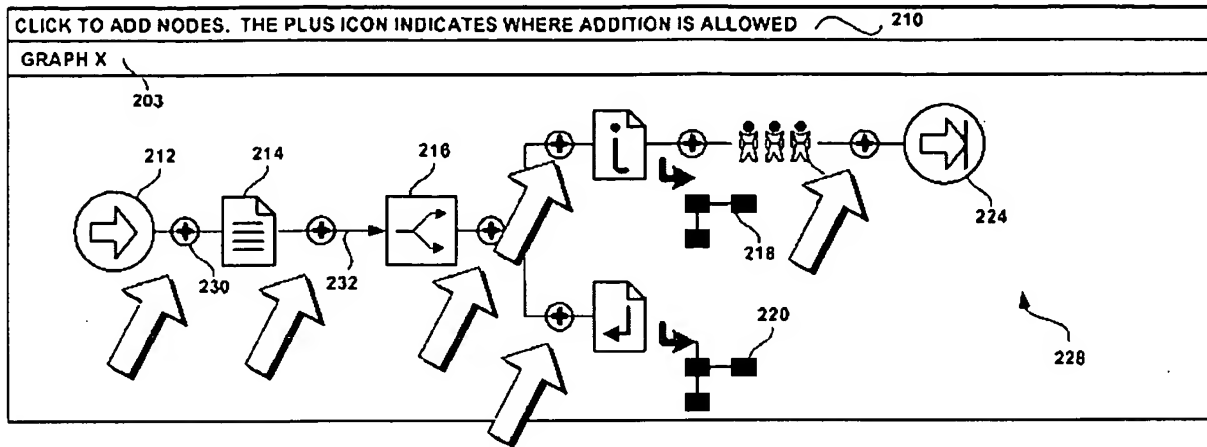
...

displaying at least one target indicator in the diagram, the displayed at least one target indicator indicating where the canvas action associated with the selected canvas mode may be taken;

detecting a canvas action associated with the selected canvas mode, the detected canvas action being triggered by the user at one of the displayed target indicators on the displayed diagram on the browser;

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Support for the added recitations to the independent claims may be found at page 13 of the specification and in Fig. 2. Indeed, target indicators 230 are shown in Fig. 2 at reference numeral 230 and are pointed to by the shadowed arrows in the marked-up portion of Fig. 2 below:



As shown and described, in Fig. 2, the selected canvas action is “add” and the target indicators 230 indicate where the selected canvas action (add) may be taken. The “add” target indicators, therefore, show where a node may be added in the diagram displayed in the browser. Likewise, if the selected canvas mode were “delete”, “delete” target indicators would be displayed, indicating where in the displayed diagram nodes may be deleted. A canvas action may then be detected at one of the displayed target indicators, as also recited herein.

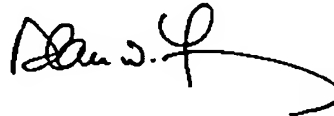
The Chatterjee reference, whether considered alone or in combination with the previously-applied Litoiu-Blevins combination, does not teach or suggest any such target indicators within the present method, systems and media for representing and manipulating a diagram on a browser, as defined herein.

Indeed, Chatterjee, in Cols. 6-7, define various tools to build and modify a workflow. However, each of these tools require the user to manually drag operations to desired locations

Col. 6, line 20), add insertion points in a diagram (Col. 6, lone 54-55) and various other operations on the displayed diagram, all without the guidance of any indicator such as the claimed target indicators that show the user where a selected action may be taken. In Chatterjee, the user is left to his or her own devices, to figure out where, on the displayed workflow diagram, a selected action may be taken. It is only the claimed embodiments that provide the user with the guidance of target indicators that indicate where, in the displayed diagram, a selected canvas action may be taken. Moreover, there is no teaching in the applied combination of a user triggering a canvas action at one of the displayed target indicators on the displayed diagram on the browser, as claimed herein, as no such target indicators are taught or suggested in the applied combination of references. Indeed, neither the Litoiu nor the Blevins references teach such features, and the Chatterjee reference does not cure this shortcoming or teach or suggest such methods, systems and media. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding §103(a) rejections are respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for allowance. If any unresolved issues remain, please contact the undersigned attorney of record at the telephone number indicated below and whatever is necessary to resolve such issues will be done at once.

Respectfully submitted,



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